

RESOLUTION NO. 1704

A Resolution establishing Apprentice Training requirements for City of Longview construction contracts of \$1 million or more, to be implemented as a pilot program until December 31, 2002.

WHEREAS, a highly skilled workforce is essential for enhanced economic growth and continued prosperity for workers throughout Cowlitz County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Longview is committed to providing regional leadership in the area of economic development; and

WHEREAS, shortages of skilled construction workers are currently limiting job growth and affecting our region's economy; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to train the next generation of skilled workers rests with both public and private sector employers; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship programs are an effective means of providing training and experience to individuals seeking to enter or advance in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, growing participation in apprenticeship programs will ensure a viable workforce in the construction trades industry into the future; and

WHEREAS, recent actions of the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council have made apprenticeships more widely available in the construction industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Longview that the City of Longview shall promote apprenticeship training programs through its construction contracts as follows:

1. All construction contracts with an estimated cost of \$1 million or more shall be awarded to a contractor participating in and in good standing in an apprentice program applicable to any of the construction crafts to be utilized in the contract. The apprentice program must be certified by the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council, or an equivalent or reciprocal Oregon or regional apprentice program oversight body.
2. The Director and/or Assistant Director of Public Works shall determine the documentation required, and it shall be the responsibility of the bidder or contractor to provide the documentation and evidence required to demonstrate compliance with the provisions of this resolution.
3. The provisions of this Resolution shall not supersede any other requirements for determining the lowest, responsive, responsible, qualified bidder or contractor.

4. The provisions of this Resolution may be waived by the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Public Works, or Assistant Public Works Director in the event of:
 - a) An emergency.
 - b) Conflict with state or federal requirements, or the requirements of any other grant or funding programs.
 - c) Insufficient apprentices available in the trades to be utilized in the contract work.
5. This Resolution shall be for the purpose of implementing a pilot program, and shall be in effect for a period of approximately two (2) years, ending on December 31, 2002, unless extended further by action of the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor this
16 day of November, 2000.

Karen M. Bergquist
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ATTEST:

Ann C Davis, Deputy
City Clerk